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## **Westlake Landfill**

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch (op/ed) - Hague: No offsite public health concerns near West Lake Landfill - 10/25/15** - I want to assure you that we at the Environmental Protection Agency are committed to protecting public health from the radiological contamination buried at the West Lake Landfill. [http://www.stltoday.com/news/opinion/mailbag/no-offsite-public-health-concerns-near-west-lake-landfill/article\\_2e17809e-0629-5754-be9a-9bb99ff8691d.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/opinion/mailbag/no-offsite-public-health-concerns-near-west-lake-landfill/article_2e17809e-0629-5754-be9a-9bb99ff8691d.html)

**Timeline of Landfills** - [http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/timeline-of-the-landfills/article\\_19e616a6-208c-50d5-8801-f7d0d1ea867d.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/timeline-of-the-landfills/article_19e616a6-208c-50d5-8801-f7d0d1ea867d.html)

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Missouri attorney general calls on EPA to remedy landfill issue 'without delay' - 10/25/15** - Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster said Sunday "it is a relief" that studies show no immediate danger to the public from the West Lake Landfill, but he called on the Environmental Protection Agency to move quickly toward a "final protective remedy" that would address the potential risk posed by the underground fire at nearby Bridgeton Landfill. [http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/koster-calls-on-epa-to-remedy-landfill-issue-without-delay/article\\_93be600b-d699-50d6-8d8e-77172e1979dd.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/koster-calls-on-epa-to-remedy-landfill-issue-without-delay/article_93be600b-d699-50d6-8d8e-77172e1979dd.html)

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - An environmental crisis firmly in her sights, Chappelle-Nadal has no plans to let up - 10/25/15** - Seated at a sidewalk table outside a Delmar Loop coffee shop, Maria Chappelle-Nadal could well have been standing at a lectern delivering a lesson in college physics, chemistry or environmental studies as a conversation on toxic landfills veered from alpha testing to the half life of Uranium 235 to radioactive disequilibrium. [http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/an-environmental-crisis-firmly-in-her-sights-chappelle-nadal-has/article\\_3f83966f-ea44-5da3-8149-4f102d338956.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/an-environmental-crisis-firmly-in-her-sights-chappelle-nadal-has/article_3f83966f-ea44-5da3-8149-4f102d338956.html)

**Recycling Today - St. Louis landfill fire keeps smoldering - 10/26/15** - Residents in southern St. Louis County, Missouri, have continued to express concerns about a landfill there that has been smoldering since 2010 and is located adjacent to another landfill believed to contain radioactive materials. <http://www.recyclingtoday.com/article/bridgeton-landfill-fire-missouri-2010>

**KMOX Radio St. Louis - Attorney General Reacts To Brush Fire Near Bridgeton Landfill - 10/25/15** - In a statement, Koster says, "Because the fire at the Bridgeton Landfill is ever changing, EPA's responsibility to update the public is a continuing one. Therefore, EPA's recent announcement is merely one step in an ongoing duty that will last as long as the landfill burns..." <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2015/10/25/attorney-general-reacts-to-brush-fire-near-bridgeton-landfill/>

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Firefighters extinguish small brush fire at West Lake Landfill - 10/24/15 -** Pattonville firefighters extinguished a small fire caused by a faulty switch on an electric pole on the site of the West Lake Landfill at St. Charles Rock Road at Taussig Road Saturday afternoon.

[http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/firefighters-extinguish-small-brush-fire-at-west-lake-landfill/article\\_2cca097f-8e7d-5881-9163-d5c378c3b89f.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/firefighters-extinguish-small-brush-fire-at-west-lake-landfill/article_2cca097f-8e7d-5881-9163-d5c378c3b89f.html)

**St. Louis American - Small brush fire occurs at West Lake Landfill - 10/25/15 -** A faulty electrical pole caused a small brush fire yesterday afternoon (Oct. 24) at the West Lake Landfill, where the radioactive waste from Mallinckrodt Chemical Works' production of uranium for atomic bombs was illegally dumped in the 1970s. [http://www.stlamerican.com/news/local\\_news/article\\_047a3e46-7b6d-11e5-8519-f751e2f1666f.html](http://www.stlamerican.com/news/local_news/article_047a3e46-7b6d-11e5-8519-f751e2f1666f.html)

**KPLR Channel 11 - Brush fire at West Lake Landfill sparks concern - 10/24/15 -** Smoke could be seen for miles as fire crews responded to a brush fire at the West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton Saturday afternoon. Area residents gather near the fire scene to see if the fire would move into a restricted area where an underground fire is burning. <http://kplr11.com/2015/10/24/brush-fire-at-west-lake-landfill-sparks-concern/>

**Joplin Globe (commentary) - Eli Yokley: Koster's EPA challenge good politics in conservative Missouri - 11/25/15 -** For Koster, the EPA has proven to be a politically fruitful punching bag. In a press release announcing the latest lawsuit in which Missouri has participated, his office also mentioned his successful challenges to regulations on mercury emissions and water rules — political victories for him that businesses and farmers also see as good for them. [http://www.joplinglobe.com/news/local\\_news/eli-yokley-koster-s-epa-challenge-good-politics-in-conservative/article\\_4b15d5c7-ea08-5679-9723-9289c79cd2a3.html](http://www.joplinglobe.com/news/local_news/eli-yokley-koster-s-epa-challenge-good-politics-in-conservative/article_4b15d5c7-ea08-5679-9723-9289c79cd2a3.html)

## **Clean Power Plan**

**Brownfield Agriculture News - Neb. Farm Bureau criticizes EPA's Clean Power Plan - 10/23/15 -** A spokesman for Nebraska Farm Bureau says the EPA's Clean Power Plan, which has been published in the Federal Register, is bad news for Nebraska agriculture. The plan aims to dramatically reduce carbon emissions from coal-fired power plants and put more emphasis on wind and solar power. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2015/10/23/neb-farm-bureau-criticizes-epa-clean-power-plan/>

**Climate Central - Why Today Is a Critical Moment for the Clean Power Plan - 10/23/15 -** Friday marked a major milestone in Obama administration climate policy with the publication of the final version of the Clean Power Plan in the Federal Register. The plan is now open to both legal challenges and a final round of public comment before possibly becoming the nation's most sweeping climate regulation in

2016. <http://www.climatecentral.org/news/critical-moment-clean-power-plan-19596>

**E&E News PM - Clean Power Plan: Court challenges pile up** - 10/23/15 - Legal challenges to a landmark Obama administration climate rule continue to flood in now that the rule is officially ripe for lawsuits. <http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/stories/1060026865/>

**The Hill - Wave of litigation hits Obama climate rule** - 10/24/15 - The publication of the EPA's carbon rule for power plants has prompted a flurry of legal and legislative action, ushering in a lengthy battle over the future of the Obama administration's key climate change initiative. <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/257977-wave-of-litigation-hits-obama-climate-rule>

**KCPT Public Television, Kansas City - States and industry groups sue government over new clean air rules** - 10/24/15 - States and industry groups dependent on fossil fuels filed court challenges Friday to President Barack Obama's Clean Power Plan, which aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/rundown/states-industry-groups-reliant-fossil-fuels-sue-government-new-clean-air-rules/>

**Bloomberg - Obama's clean-power initiative under renewed legal attack from states** - 10/24/15 - President Barack Obama's 15-year plan to cut power plant carbon dioxide emissions and steer the US toward renewable energy sources is under legal attack. Again. [http://www.business-standard.com/article/international/obama-s-clean-power-initiative-under-renewed-legal-attack-from-states-115102400887\\_1.html](http://www.business-standard.com/article/international/obama-s-clean-power-initiative-under-renewed-legal-attack-from-states-115102400887_1.html)

**Topeka Capital-Journal - Kansas joins 23 states in lawsuit against EPA** - 10/23/15 - Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt is joining others in a lawsuit against the federal Environmental Protection Agency with the hopes of blocking new rules that were published on Friday afternoon. <http://cjonline.com/news/2015-10-23/kansas-joins-23-states-lawsuit-against-epa>

**The Hill - Lawsuits pile up against Obama's climate rule** - 10/23/15 - A wide range of litigants filed lawsuits Friday against President Obama's signature climate change rule for power plants, representing a broad group of business interests. <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/257958-lawsuits-pile-up-against-obamas-climate-rule>

**Omaha World-Herald - Nebraska joins efforts to block fed plan to cut back on coal-fired electricity** - 10/23/15 - Attorney General Doug Peterson said Nebraska and the other states filed a lawsuit in federal court challenging the Clean Power Plan. "The EPA rule change takes away Nebraska's authority to steward its own environmental future," Peterson said in a press release. [http://www.omaha.com/news/nebraska/nebraska-joins-efforts-to-block-fed-plan-to-cut-back/article\\_82b81701-a27c-5b35-971e-d17914340c65.html](http://www.omaha.com/news/nebraska/nebraska-joins-efforts-to-block-fed-plan-to-cut-back/article_82b81701-a27c-5b35-971e-d17914340c65.html)

**Missourinet - Missouri Attorney General Koster files challenge to EPA 'clean power plan" -**

10/23/15 - Missouri's Attorney General has filed a lawsuit against the Environmental Protection Agency, saying its issuance of state-by-state limits on carbon emissions overstep its authority. Koster says the limit on Missouri emissions proposed in a draft rule was less strict than what became the final rule.

<http://www.missourinet.com/2015/10/23/missouri-attorney-general-koster-files-challenge-to-epa-clean-power-plan/>

**KSN Channel 3 Topeka, Kan. - Kansas sues EPA to block new energy regulations - 10/23/15** - In a news release, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said, "Time and again we've asked the EPA to withdraw these regulations and to take seriously their high cost to consumers and ratepayers," Schmidt said. "We believe these rules are unlawful and will only cause harm to Kansas electricity ratepayers."

<http://ksn.com/2015/10/23/kansas-sues-epa-to-block-new-energy-regulations/>

**Other Clips**

**Lincoln (Neb.) Journal-Star - Environmental covenants reminder there's dirty dirt under West**

**Haymarket - 10/24/15** - Special environmental covenants, which will be attached to every piece of land in the West Haymarket, are a reminder that this area of new stores, hotels and apartments was once a large polluted rail yard. [http://journalstar.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/environmental-covenants-reminder-there-s-dirty-dirt-under-west-haymarket/article\\_41d75913-e5d6-5dda-a4f3-8ee162ca34e0.html](http://journalstar.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/environmental-covenants-reminder-there-s-dirty-dirt-under-west-haymarket/article_41d75913-e5d6-5dda-a4f3-8ee162ca34e0.html)

**Lincoln (Neb.) Journal-Star (opinion) - Philip S. Stevens: Stronger ozone standards will protect public health - 10/25/15**

- Are EPA's new ozone rules reasonable and necessary? The science says they are. The law says they are. And history says everyone will benefit. [http://www.omaha.com/opinion/philip-s-stevens-stronger-ozone-standards-will-protect-public-health/article\\_6a1e5ac4-1651-55b9-bb04-af6531d9e376.html](http://www.omaha.com/opinion/philip-s-stevens-stronger-ozone-standards-will-protect-public-health/article_6a1e5ac4-1651-55b9-bb04-af6531d9e376.html)

**Lincoln (Neb.) Journal-Star - Farms flexing solar power - 10/26/15** - On Rick Hammond's farm, between the gravel road on its east edge and the grain bins where he will store this year's corn harvest, sit 96 solar panels mounted on two rows of gray metal frames. [http://journalstar.com/news/local/farms-flexing-solar-power/article\\_20232d40-a401-5d11-a738-c6065a0fb338.html](http://journalstar.com/news/local/farms-flexing-solar-power/article_20232d40-a401-5d11-a738-c6065a0fb338.html)

**Des Moines Register (letter) - Joni Ernst is Right on EPA - 10/24/15** - As a dairy farmer in Poweshiek County who would be hurt by the EPA's rule, I'm glad Sen. Ernst is doing what she was elected to do and that she's fighting for farmers and land owners across the state.

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/opinion/readers/2015/10/24/joni-ernst-right-epa/74278172/>

**Des Moines Register (letter) - Concentrate on solving water problem - 10/24/15** - Iowa farmers are

begging for the resources they need to do what is right and guess who can coordinate that? The EPA!  
Can we please stop the partisan bickering and try to solve one problem! Get er done, Tom Vilsack.  
<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/opinion/readers/2015/10/24/concentrate-solving-water-problem/74227512/>

**World Coal - Kansas' coal ash management plan receives EPA approval** - 10/26/15 - The US EPA Region 7 gave conditional approval to the State of Kansas' plan to implement rules for the safe disposal of coal ash from coal-fired power plants on 19 October. <http://www.worldcoal.com/coal/26102015/Kansas-coal-ash-management-plan-receives-EPA-approval-3061/>

**St. Louis Business Journal - Monsanto gets OK from USDA for new GMO corn** - 10/26/15 - Monsanto has cleared a regulatory hurdle for the release of a new type of genetically modified corn, with the U.S. Department of Agriculture signing off on the seeds.  
[http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/morning\\_call/2015/10/monsanto-gets-ok-from-usda-for-new-gmo-corn.html](http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/morning_call/2015/10/monsanto-gets-ok-from-usda-for-new-gmo-corn.html)

**Christian Science Monitor - Can solar energy survive without subsidies?** - 10/23/15 - Important inroads are being made to make solar power viable without any tax incentives or subsidies. Are they enough? <http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/Energy-Voices/2015/1023/Can-solar-energy-survive-without-subsidies>

**NECN - Congress Asks EPA if Rubber Turf Is Safe for Children** - 10/23/15 - Washington lawmakers are asking the Environmental Protection Agency to weigh in on whether crumb rubber used in artificial turf fields in thousands of schools, parks and stadiums is safe for young athletes — citing a series of stories by NBC News. <http://www.necn.com/news/national-international/Congress-Asks-EPA-if-Rubber-Turf-Safe-for-Children-336501511.html>

**NBC News - Congress Asks EPA If Crumb Rubber Turf Is Safe for Young Athletes** - 10/23/15 - Washington lawmakers are asking the Environmental Protection Agency to weigh in on whether crumb rubber used in artificial turf fields in thousands of schools, parks and stadiums is safe for young athletes — citing a series of stories by NBC News. <http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/artificial-turf-debate/congress-asks-epa-if-crumb-rubber-turf-safe-young-athletes-n450551>

**Tire Business - Turf battle, part two Crumb rubber, soccer fields OEHA study** - 10/26/15 - The battle over the use of synthetic turf made with crumb rubber from recycled tires is heating up again, thanks to an updated NBC News report on the material's alleged health hazards—especially its use on athletic fields. <http://www.tirebusiness.com/article/20151026/ISSUE/310269970/turf-battle-part-two-crumb-rubber-soccer-fields-oeha-study>

**National Journal - Republicans Attack Climate Rules to Send Message to UN - 10/25/15 -**  
Congressional Review Act resolutions aren't going anywhere, but they'll show the world the U.S. is divided on tackling climate change. <http://www.nationaljournal.com/s/91355/republicans-attack-climate-rules-send-message-un>